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Dear Donna:

Would you please transmit the enclosure to the Cambridge City Council at the next meeting as one of its communications.

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Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Murphy:

This is a follow up on the initial meeting of the Transit Advisory Committee last night.

Comments were taken and recorded concerning problems in transit matters. One item mentioned was the Urban Ring rapid transit proposal. The Urban Ring has been a matter of misbehavior from the Development Department for years.

I have been working on the Urban Ring since 1986. The Kenmore Crossing alternative, which was adopted by the MBTA as one of the two alternative crossings in about 1991, was my idea back in 1986.

To the best of my knowledge, the City of Cambridge has consistently falsely stated the Charles River Crossing alternatives. As late as last August, the Community Development Department communicated to the Cambridge City Council once again that the only river crossing being considered is the one the City of Cambridge supports.

The Kenmore crossing, in sharp contrast to the Cambridge preferred crossing, is environmentally and transportation wise excellent. One key part of the Kenmore crossing has received a government subsidy in the legislature's payment for upgrading of Yawkey Station in place. By contrast, the Cambridge preferred crossing would require the moving of Yawkey Station about three blocks.

The excellent megastation of which Yawkey Station would be a part in the Kenmore Crossing is one of the key factors which make there no real comparison between the Cambridge preferred crossing and the Kenmore Crossing.

I raised the consistent false information put out by Cambridge calling the Cambridge preferred crossing the only Urban Ring Charles River crossing as one defect in transit matters. The chair was consistently taking notes on comments. He did not seem to record this comment. Would you please add my comment to the record, and correct the behavior of Cambridge so that Cambridge communicates honestly concerning the Charles River Crossings under consideration in the Urban Ring rapid transit project.

Honesty is a good reason for the change. A stronger reason is that it looks like you are losing.

As part of a related discussion, I have posted reproductions of the official maps at <http://charlesriverwhitegeeseblog.blogspot.com/2013/05/new-hospital-by-harvard-university-at.html>. Please note that there is no way I will refer to more than 20 years of dissemination of false information by supposed experts as other than lies.

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cc: Cambridge Chronicle
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